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Gridiron Club

# Gridiron To Press Ruffles

FOR the first time in its more than 90-year history, Washington's famous Gridiron Club dinner will drop the stag tag for one night only. Wives of the newspapermen who make up the club have been asked to dinner a year from this coming fall.

The future date with their husbands is Nov. 11, 1967, and the place will be Colonial Williamsburg. All 600 at the dinner will stay overnight in Williamsburg.

President Johnson has been asked to bring Mrs. Johnson for the big fun-poking event of the year which impales Government leaders on the sharp wit of the journalists in costumed skit and song.

LBJ, Democratic and Republican leaders will be lampooned by the funmakers in wigs and knee breeches.

Wives have one man to thank for getting them in on this big stag event. Walter Trohan of the Chicago Tribune, has been trying for years to get wives invited.

As chairman of the 1967 dinner, and probable president of the club that year too, he finally brought the idea up for vote. All 159 members were for it.

"Of course, we did hint that any fellow who voted against it would have to settle with his own wife later," said Trohan with a chuckle.

In the past, wives have heard the Gridiron songs at a repeat performance the night after the stag dinner. But the reception for the ladies has never included